

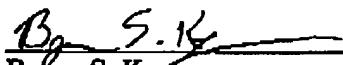
REMARKS

The Office Action mailed November 29, 2005 has been carefully reviewed and, in view of the above amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-22 are currently pending in the application, with claims 1 and 12 being independent claims. Claims 23-26 are cancelled. The Office Action indicates that claims 1-22 are allowed. The Applicants respectfully submit, therefore, that all claims are in a condition for allowance. In addition, the Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn and that this application now be allowed.

This Amendment is being timely filed by facsimile transmission on December 13, 2005. Should additional fees or an extension of time be deemed necessary for consideration of this Amendment, such fees or extension are hereby requested and the Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account number 19-0733 for payment. If anything further is desirable to place the application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned representative at (503) 425-6800.

Respectfully submitted,

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